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REMARKS

Prior to the present amendment, claims 1-20 were pending. By virtue of the foregoing amendments, which include the cancellation of claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17, per se, claims 1, 4-8, 11-15 and 18-20 are currently pending. Reconsideration of this application in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The notice of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 is gratefully appreciated. In an effort to bring prosecution of the present application to a favorable conclusion, independent claims 1, 8 and 15 have been respectively amended to incorporate the subject matter of previously dependent claims 2 and 3, 9 and 10 and 16 and 17. Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17, per se, have been cancelled. As a result of incorporating the subject matter of objected to claims into the independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance.

In amending claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of objected to claims 2 and 3, step (d) has been amended to define both the incrementing and decrementing of the output ports of the multitap delay line based upon the clock frequency relationship defined. In so doing, step (d) refers to coupling to the output port an output of the multitap delay line that provides either a later-in-time delay or an earlier-in-time delay, relative to the one of the outputs of the multitap delay line, so as to be accurate and consistent with the description in the specification.

In this regard, attention may be directed to paragraph [00016] of the specification, which gives an example that the multiplexer output is initially reset to have its first input

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port 41-1 coupled to the output port 42. Subsequent to this condition, the multiplexer either increments or decrements through its inputs based upon the need to fractionally change the output clock to provide synchronization as described. Thus, the incrementing or decrementing of the inputs of the multiplexer will be relative to the initial one of the outputs of the delay line from which the output clock is initially derived. Withdrawal of the objection to claims 2 and 3, particularly as currently incorporated into amended claim 1, is accordingly, respectfully requested.

In view of the manner in which the application has been amended to place the objected-to claims in self-contained form, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect, is, accordingly, earnestly solicited.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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